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In re application of:

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For: STRAWBERRY VEIN BANDING
VIRUS (SVBV) PROMOTER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the specification as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph at page 36, lines 9-15, and replace with the following paragraph:

A1
An SVBV promoter fragment was isolated by PCR amplification using oligonucleotide primers (5'CAAAGAAGAACGCTTAACATGC3' (SEQ ID NO:9) and 5'TGCCGGATCCGGTTGTAAGCAGGGAGG3' (SEQ ID NO:10)) specific to sequences flanking the promoter region. Using this method, a 0.4 Kb promoter fragment consisting of sequences 6816 to 7291 of the SVBV-E3 genome was isolated (SEQ ID NO:1). The 3' end of the promoter fragment contains the un-translated leader sequences of ORF VII to ensure translatability of coding regions located downstream.

REMARKS

A Sequence Listing is provided herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.825. The foregoing amendment is made in order to insert SEQ ID NOS: 9 and 10 to correspond to the same sequences as they appear in the Sequence Listing, as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(d). SEQ ID NOS:1-8 are already present in the application as filed. No new matter is introduced in the Sequence Listing, as the sequences in the Sequence Listing are identical to the corresponding